

### DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: STACKABLE WIRE FRAME STORAGE BIN

the specification of which

☒ [X] is attached hereto.

☐ [ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority  
Claimed

_____ (Number)	_____ (Country)	_____ (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input type="checkbox"/> [ ] Yes <input type="checkbox"/> [ ] No
_____ (Number)	_____ (Country)	_____ (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input type="checkbox"/> [ ] Yes <input type="checkbox"/> [ ] No
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>(Application Serial No.)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120, of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>(Application Ser. No.)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>	<u>(Status)</u>
		(patented, pending, abandoned)

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: 7/28/03  
Full name of sole inventor  
Residence  
Post Office Address  
Citizenship

  
Robert C. Freeland  
Portland, Oregon  
1908 N.E. 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97212  
U.S.A.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §3.73(b)

Applicant : Freelander, Robert C.  
App. No. : \_\_\_\_\_  
Filed : Concurrently Herewith  
Title : STACKABLE WIRE FRAME STORAGE BIN  
Assignee : Richards Homewares, Inc., an Oregon corporation  
(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership,  
university, government agency, etc.)


certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest  
in the patent application identified above by virtue of either:

- A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application  
identified above.
- OR
- B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent  
application identified above, to the current assignee as shown  
below:
1. From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
The document was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at  
Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_\_, or for which a copy is attached.
2. From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
The document was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at  
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- ☐ Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a  
supplemental sheet.
- ☒ Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title  
are attached. (Where one or more of the documents is  
unrecorded.)

The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title  
of the patent application identified above and, to the best of  
undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified  
above.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign  
this Certificate on behalf of the assignee.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge  
are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are  
believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the  
knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are  
punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18  
of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may  
jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date : August 1, 2003  
Name : Charles D. McClung  
Title : Attorney for the Assignee (copy of Power of Attorney attached)  
Signature: 

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PATENT EXAMINING OPERATIONS

PATENT APPLICATION

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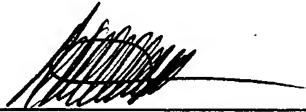
Applicant : Richards Homewares, Inc.                      Group Art Unit:  
Serial No.:    Examiner:  
Filed : (Concurrently herewith)  
Title : STACKABLE WIRE FRAME STORAGE BIN

POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Robert C. Freeland, declare that I am the President of Richards Homewares, and am authorized to execute this document on its behalf. Richards Homewares, Inc. is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the above-referenced patent application and hereby appoints Jacob E. Vilhauer, Jr., Reg. No. 24,885, Charles D. McClung, Reg. No. 26,568, Dennis E. Stenzel, Reg. No. 28,763, Donald B. Haslett, Reg. No. 28,855, William O. Geny, Reg. No. 27,444, J. Peter Staples, Reg. No. 30,690, Kevin L. Russell, Reg. No. 38,292, Timothy A. Long, Reg. No. 28,876, and Brenna K. Legaard, Reg. No. 51,077, all of the firm of CHERNOFF, VILHAUER, MCCLUNG & STENZEL, LLP, 1600 ODS Tower, 601 S.W. Second Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204-3157, Telephone No. (503) 227-5631, its attorneys, jointly and individually, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: 7/28/03

  
Name: Robert C. Freeland  
Title: President  
Company: Richards Homewares, Inc.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Robert C. Freeland, residing at 1908 N.E. 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97212, have invented a STACKABLE WIRE FRAME STORAGE BIN for which on even date herewith I executed an application for United States letters patent;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One (\$1.00) Dollar and other valuable consideration paid to me by Richards Homewares, Inc., an Oregon corporation, having an address at 3810 N. Mississippi Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97228-5397, the receipt whereof is acknowledged, I do hereby assign unto said Richards Homewares, Inc. the entire interest in said invention for the United States and all foreign countries and any letters patent to be issued therefor in the United States or any foreign country and any divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, improvements, reissues or extensions that may be made or granted thereon.

AND the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is requested to issue such letters patent in accordance herewith. And I agree to execute further instruments proper for effectuating the premises.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2003.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert C. Freeland

STATE OF OREGON            )  
                                  ) ss.  
County of Multnomah )

Before me, a Notary Public for the State of Oregon, personally appeared said Robert C. Freeland, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged it to be his free act and deed.

Witness my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2003.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public for the State of  
Oregon  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION EXAMINING OPERATIONS

Applicant : Richards Homewares, Inc.

Serial No.:

Filed : Concurrently herewith

Title : STACKABLE WIRE FRAME STORAGE BIN

**STATEMENT OF STATUS AS SMALL ENTITY  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 CFR §1.27**

STATEMENT OF: Robert C. Freeland

I, the undersigned, hereby verify that:

I am:

- ☐ (one of) the inventor(s) of the above-identified invention and I qualify as an independent inventor in accordance with 37 CFR §1.9(c)
- ☐ an individual assignee/licensee/owner of exclusive/nonexclusive rights in the above-identified invention and I would be classified as an independent inventor in accordance with 37 CFR §1.9(c) if I had made the above-identified invention
- ☒ the President of Richards Homewares, Inc., and have authority to act on behalf of said Company, that said Company qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 37 CFR §1.9(d) in that the number of employees of said Company including those of its affiliates, as defined in 37 CFR §1.9(d), does not exceed 500 persons, and that said Company is the assignee of exclusive rights in the above-identified invention


AND that Richards Homewares, Inc. has not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed any rights in the invention except to: None

AND that Richards Homewares, Inc. is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention except to: None

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DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

7/28/03

  
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Robert C. Freeland, President

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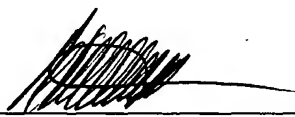
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